

DEPARTMENT OF THE YOUTH AUTHORITY

LENGTH OF STAY OF YOUTH AUTHORITY WARDS*

2001

The average amount of time (length of stay) Youth Authority wards spent incarcerated prior to their release to parole in 2001 is presented in Tables 1 and 2. Table 3 displays the length of stay on parole prior to removal from parole.

Note: This report does not include wards who were discharged from Youth Authority jurisdiction without having been on parole. In 2001, there were 796 such cases.

The 2001 **overall** institutional length of stay was 28.3 months, a one month increase from 27.2 months in 2000.

The average length of stay for **first commitments only** was 34.6 months, an increase from the 2000 figure of 33.4 months. Tables 1 and 2 further delineate the institutional length of stay for first commitments by sex, ethnic group, age at parole release, primary commitment offense, and Youthful Offender Parole Board (YOPB) hearing category.

The average length of stay for parole violators re-released in 2001 was 12.5 months, down slightly from 12.6 months in 2000. The average length of stay for recommitments who were released in 2001 was 29.2 months, an increase from the figure of 28.5 months in 2000.

A multi-year comparison of the average length of stay on parole is presented in Table 3. From 18.5 months in 1983, the average amount of time parolees spent on parole increased to 19.5 months in 1986, then began decreasing until it reached a low of 15.3 months in 1990. It then began going up, and in 2001, the average length of stay on parole was 21.1 months, the highest in the past nineteen years.

* Does not include length-of-stay information for CDC cases housed in CYA facilities under Welfare and Institutions Code Section 1731.5(c).

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TABLE 1

INSTITUTIONAL LENGTH OF STAY OF YOUTH AUTHORITY COMMITMENTS
RELEASED TO PAROLE IN 2001

By Selected Characteristics and Court of Commitment

CHARACTERISTICS	TOTAL		JUVENILE COURT		CRIMINAL COURT	
	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS
TOTAL PAROLE RELEASES	2,482	28.3	2,385	28.1	97	32.4
FIRST COMMITMENT PAROLE RELEASES.....	1,735	34.6	1,664	34.4	71	39.2
Sex						
Males	1,623	34.8	1,560	34.6	63	38.9
Females	112	31.9	104	31.1	8	41.5
Ethnic Group						
White	295	30.5	289	30.3	6	37.3
Hispanic	878	34.3	845	34.2	33	36.7
African American	396	37.4	385	37.4	11	38.1
Asian	118	35.5	104	34.7	14	41.4
Other	48	39.9	41	38.2	7	50.0
Age at Parole						
16 and under	42	17.8	42	17.8	-	-
17.....	155	22.5	154	22.5	1	30.7
18.....	315	25.1	306	25.2	9	23.8
19.....	552	28.5	534	28.5	18	28.9
20.....	401	37.4	383	37.3	18	39.0
21 and over	270	63.6	245	64.7	25	52.7
Board Hearing Category						
Category 1.....	62	86.6	61	86.9	1	70.2
Category 2.....	125	55.3	105	55.6	20	53.5
Category 3.....	126	44.2	111	45.2	15	37.0
Category 4.....	540	35.6	513	35.7	27	33.5
Category 5.....	419	28.8	412	28.9	7	22.4
Category 6.....	427	24.3	426	24.3	1	27.8
Category 7.....	36	13.7	36	13.7	-	-
Type of Offense						
Misdemeanor	42	12.6	42	12.6	-	-
Felony	1,693	35.2	1,622	35.0	71	39.2
Parole Violator Releases*	696	12.5	-	-	-	-
Recommitment Releases*	51	29.2	-	-	-	-

*Information by committing court not available.

TABLE 2
INSTITUTIONAL LENGTH OF STAY OF FIRST COMMITMENTS
RELEASED TO PAROLE IN 2001

By Primary Commitment Offense and Court

PRIMARY COMMITMENT OFFENSE	TOTAL		JUVENILE COURT		CRIMINAL COURT	
	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER PAROLED	AVERAGE MONTHS
TOTAL FIRST COMMITMENT PAROLE RELEASES.....	1,735	34.6	1,664	34.4	71	39.2
Murder 1st Degree	27	87.4	27	87.5	-	-
Murder 2nd Degree	32	86.1	32	86.1	-	-
Manslaughter	22	46.5	18	45.2	4	52.5
Robbery, Enhanced	147	39.4	133	39.6	14	37.2
Carjacking	40	44.7	35	45.4	5	40.2
Other Robbery Offenses	162	31.7	156	31.7	6	32.2
Assault to Murder	41	54.8	26	55.0	15	54.3
Aggravated Assault	314	35.9	298	36.2	16	30.8
Other Assault Offenses	125	26.6	121	26.6	4	26.2
Burglary First Degree	198	29.3	195	29.3	3	30.3
Other Burglary Offenses	92	23.4	92	23.4	-	-
Grand Theft	41	26.8	41	26.8	-	-
Auto Theft	119	23.6	118	23.6	1	27.8
Other Theft Offenses	52	23.8	52	23.8	-	-
Forcible Rape	28	62.2	27	62.8	1	45.3
Other Sex Offenses	48	50.1	48	50.1	-	-
Possession Hard Narcotic	28	27.1	28	27.1	-	-
Selling Hard Narcotic	10	34.8	10	34.8	-	-
Possession Marijuana	10	27.7	10	27.7	-	-
Selling Marijuana	5	25.9	5	25.9	-	-
Other Drug Offenses	41	25.4	41	25.9	-	-
Weapons	76	22.4	76	22.4	-	-
Arson	19	32.6	19	32.6	-	-
Extortion/Kidnapping	26	51.8	25	51.1	1	70.2
Miscellaneous Felony	25	27.8	24	28.4	1	13.0
Miscellaneous Misdemeanor	5	33.4	5	33.4	-	-
Escape Juvenile Facility	2	6.3	2	6.3	-	-

TABLE 3
PAROLE LENGTH OF STAY
By Year and Type of Removal from Parole

CALENDAR YEAR	TOTAL REMOVED		NON-VIOLATION DISCHARGES		REVOCATIONS		VIOLATION DISCHARGES	
	NUMBER	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER	AVERAGE MONTHS	NUMBER	AVERAGE MONTHS
1983	4,381	18.5	1,505	22.3	1,448	12.9	1,428	20.2
1984	4,212	18.8	1,495	22.7	1,436	13.4	1,281	20.4
1985	4,231	19.0	1,472	23.0	1,480	13.3	1,279	20.8
1986	3,941	19.5	1,307	24.4	1,634	14.4	1,000	21.7
1987	3,357	19.0	1,084	23.5	1,491	14.1	782	22.1
1988	2,721	17.7	935	22.4	1,105	12.3	681	20.1
1989	2,859	15.8	979	18.7	1,135	11.6	745	18.1
1990	3,277	15.3	1,070	18.5	1,346	11.4	861	17.2
1991	3,583	16.3	1,169	19.3	1,369	12.2	1,045	18.4
1992	3,188	17.1	1,070	20.4	1,202	12.3	916	19.5
1993	3,326	16.9	998	21.2	1,359	12.3	969	18.8
1994	3,317	17.5	989	21.6	1,487	13.0	841	20.4
1995	3,479	18.2	1,213	21.8	1,478	13.7	788	21.3
1996	3,451	19.2	1,384	23.1	1,268	13.5	799	21.5
1997	3,618	18.9	1,467	22.4	1,340	13.6	811	21.1
1998	3,542	19.3	1,511	22.0	1,204	14.7	827	21.0
1999	3,686	20.5	1,756	22.7	1,081	15.4	849	22.3
2000	3,021	20.1	1,191	22.8	1,080	15.3	750	22.7
2001	2,808	21.1	1,114	24.2	968	15.7	726	23.5